

**MINUTES OF
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 4, 2009**

Attendees:

Deb Ritchie	Jared Kindy
Geoff Ball	Annie Maguire
Natalie Carmona	Diane Barston
Linny Strother	Jo-Anne Sawitsky
Caroline Orsi	

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM. Minutes from last month's meeting read and Geoff Ball made motion to approve, seconded by Karen Brennan.

Hindley Happening May 8 was a very successful event with 560 7th & 8th graders and 317 7th graders attending. A \$250 contribution was made to the PTO.

Family Concert at Weed Beach 6/3 - concert held in Town Hall Gym because of rain. We paid the band, Annie and the Natural Wonder Band \$750. We lost \$591 on this event. Diane and Annie volunteered for this event. There will be concerts on 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24 - the 6/24 concert will have a Sandcastle Contest at 4:00PM. Sponsored by TD Bank. Movie at the beach – 7/01/09

Summer Camps 2009:

HOLMES

HINDLEY

TOWN HALL

T-Shirts have to be ordered and trip reservations must be made. Counselor training classes will be held on Saturday, June 13. We will have partial access to the two schools the first day of camp on 6/22.

MSSAP:

We are 100% booked for all six weeks.

Town Carnival – 7/09 – 7/11 - at Hindley School - we have more rides this year – we will have dunking tanks, with proceeds going to the three firehouses. Firehouses will also cook all food. Wristbands will be sold for a whole day pass. Local band to plan – Wayback and Adam Campbell, a caricaturist, will also be there. An ice cream truck will be there for dessert.

Push-Pull Parade – 7/4 - Goodwives Parking Lot thru center of town.

TOPS Programs this year will include Tokeneke Fair Nite.

Youth Advisory Board – DHS graduates class of 2009:

Caroline Orsi – will be attending NCC and working for Camp Holmes as a counselor this summer.

Natalie Carmona: will be attending UConn in Stamford and work locally this summer.

DCCarb – this organization featured a speaker on TV 79 (a young recovering addict) who put a face on addiction with great impact.

Moira & Ingrid Gillespie – Human Services Counseling Meeting (results of Asset-Based Survey) – kids in this community are achievers and under a lot of stress to achieve this which can often backfire. This organization needs leadership and more direction.

Playground on the Sound – should be completed the end of June. Prior to completion, there should be a sign: “Pardon our appearance, playground under construction”.

Alicia invited by YMCA to participate in an opportunity to bring grant money to the Y to sponsor well-ness based programs for Darien Youth. Participants included Superintendent of School, Parks & Recreation Dept., Health Department, Norwalk Hospital and representatives from the YMCA. Apply for a grant for kids at risk of not being healthy. How to apply for this grant and what it can be used for. Fitness, healthy eating, healthy lifestyles and activities.

Movies at Tilley Pond 6/16; 7/14; 8/11; 9/15 – Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce & David Genovese.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Clark
Recording Secretary